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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEDIA REACTION: SHARM EL-SHEIKH BOMBINGS

1. SUMMARY: Kuwaiti writers rallied around Egypt in the wake of the July 23 Sharm El-Sheikh bombings condemning the acts and seeking to assign blame. Most commentators foreswore blaming the acts on Israeli perfidy or U.S. policy, as has been the case after previous attacks elsewhere. Some sought to frame the fight against terrorism in the larger context of the struggle for ideas within the Arab World. Writing in Al-Anba on July 25, Salah Al-Sayer wrote: "Egypt bleeds and the innocent are dying in Sharm El-Sheikh. The episodes of terrorism still continue. It is a war between mankind and Satan. It is a struggle between good and evil. It is a confrontation between tolerance and hatred, between death and life." END SUMMARY.

2. Writing in pro-government daily Al-Seyassah on July 24, Dr. Khalid Al-Jenfawi wrote: "The criminals who are responsible for the Sharm El-Sheikh tragedy must realize that Egypt will eventually win the battle against the terrorists and seek revenge for the sake of the people, the innocent victims, be they Egyptians, guests, Arab or foreign tourists. Those who have closely followed the criminal activities of the terrorists in London, Sharm El-Sheikh, and other places on the planet, will have inevitably observed that this stupid phenomenon will be surmounted sooner rather than later because of their anti-life ideology."

3. Writing in Al-Watan on July 24, Kuwait Journalists' Association Advisor Dr. Ayed Al-Manna wrote: "We say that as long as the Takfir terrorist current finds its way to British Muslims, it will try to subvert the British security measures which have been adopted to deter terrorism. As such we expect the terrorists to issue fatwas to approve the killing of British security forces and officials, given the fact that this has been happening in some Islamic countries such as Egypt, Algeria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia."

4. Writing in pro-government daily Al-Seyassah on July 24, Amer Al-Tamimi, former head of the Kuwait Economic Society, wrote: "These terrorist attacks and violent actions can only be understood as a direct reaction to political struggles in the region. It is easy to recruit young minds, brainwash them and send them on suicide missions to unprotected institutions and facilities. The political environment in the region nurtured these naive individuals, who agreed to become tools in the hands of criminals. We would not have these people if we did not have an environment that nurtures radical extremist ideologies. Those who believe that these schools of extremist thought and radical ideologies were the result of injustices towards Arabs, or even a direct outcome of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict -- these people must take a look at matters from a wider perspective."

5. Naher Al-Mukrad, writing in Al-Watan on July 25, wrote: "Regardless of the terrorists' plans and crimes, Egypt will remain a solid and steadfast rock. It will not be shaken or weakened by the actions of some ignorant boys, whose own destiny is failure and abolition. The assassination of the Egyptian Ambassador to Iraq was a horrible crime, yet Egypt did not kneel down. These ugly crimes are only indications of the nature of the barbaric mercenaries that plan and execute such acts. These crimes will only add to the solidarity of Egypt's leadership and people."

6. Writing in Al-Anba on July 25, Salah Al-Sayer wrote: "Egypt bleeds and the innocent are dying in Sharm El-Sheikh. The episodes of terrorism still continue. It is a war between mankind and Satan. It is a struggle between good and evil. It is a confrontation between tolerance and hatred, between death and life. In this case the world will either be enlightened or the sun will cease to give its light and throw the world into cold darkness. It is a holy war which will take place in the minds, not in the battlefields, a war which will see no victory until the obsolete cultures are defeated."

7. Writing in Al-Watan on July 25, Abdul Mohsen Al-Husseini wrote: "The bombings carried out at dawn Saturday in the tourist resort of Sharm El-Sheikh were seemingly engineered to target the innocent. I hope those who were cheering the so-called 'Iraqi Resistance' wake up, get rid of their

ignorance and realize that those who are currently involved in barbaric and brutal terrorist operations in Iraq are neither patriots nor human beings; they are wild beasts. These terrorists are planning to kill everybody, irrespective of their nationality, simply because for them all people are infidels who must be killed. In other words, it is a war against humanity. I hope all of us will realize the objectives of terrorists who are fighting the world, and that we must cooperate and get rid of them."

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